

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application.

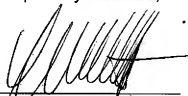
Claims 1 through 17 are part of the original International PCT application PCT/EP2005/051502 and have been determined by the International Bureau to have novelty and inventiveness. Applicant has amended claims 1 to 17 to remove any multiple dependency of the claims and to eliminate any informalities, so as to present the claims in proper form and language. Applicant asserts that these amendments are cosmetic in nature and that no claims have been narrowed to trigger prosecution history estoppel. Claims 18 through 26 have been added to set forth subject matter deleted from original claims 4, 7, 16 and 17. Claims 15 to 20 have been added to encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention. The surcharge for presenting four independent claims in excess of three, and six claims in excess of twenty is enclosed.

In addition, applicant has amended the specification to provide proper headings and the Abstract to present it in proper form and language.

Applicant requests that the foregoing be taken into account when the Examiner takes this application up for action.

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